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### FALL OF THE FRANC.

—LESSONS FOR THE SENATE.

GOVERNMENT MEASURES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, March 9.

M. Millerand, the President, M. Poincaré, the Premier, M. Delasteyrie, Manager of the Bank of France and several prominent financiers conferred at the Elysee this morning with regard to measures necessary to improve the financial situation and restore the franc.

The Government intends to impress upon the Senate the urgency of passing new financial measures for rapidly reducing expenditure and ending the loan policy.

It is understood that the Bank of France will continue to associate itself with the Government's efforts.

[Many reasons are advanced for the sensational fall of the franc which is causing consternation in France. The fundamental weakness is attributed *inter alia* to the Ruhr policy and the French Government's refusal to impose adequate taxation owing to the people's disinclination to bear it.]

PARIS, March 9.

The Senate Finance Committee examined M. Poincaré's financial proposals the whole of yesterday morning and passed a number of articles, but amended others.

The Committee up to the present has approved the four milliard francs increased taxation. The commission remains hostile to investing Government with power to form regulations having the force of law.

### GREEK POLITICS.

NEW GOVERNMENT'S PLANS.

OVERTHROW OF DYNASTY.

ATHENS, March 9.

M. Papanastassiou, the Republican leader, is said to be endeavouring to form a Cabinet including politicians of all shades in the present Assembly.

The new Government's programme will include the overthrow of the dynasty by the Assembly without a plebiscite.

The question of the change in the constitution will be settled by a plebiscite at an opportune moment.

At present it is arranged for M. Venizelos to leave Greece on March 10, via Brindisi.

ATHENS, March 8.

[A sequel to the fresh crisis has been evoked by a group of Army officers backing up the Republican demand for the immediate deposition of the Dynasty. A delegation of officers was recently received by the Regent, after Premier Cafandaris had refused to receive them.]

### IRISH UNREST.

LONDON, March 9.

Wholesale demobilisation of the Irish National Army culminating in the discharge of over 600 officers during the past week led to trouble in several military centres.

A number of demobilised officers at Templemore went off with machine guns, rifles, and ammunition. An armoured car was sent to round them up.

Two officers of high rank sent a letter to the President charging the Government with failure to interpret the treaty in accordance with the spirit of the Irish people, with the result that the military are endeavouring to arrest them for insubordination.

They complain that the latest demobilised lists contain too many officers who participated in the Anglo-Irish struggle.

There is great military activity in Dublin. Guards have been doubled and leave has been cancelled.

### PIQUANT POLITICS.

LONDON, March 9.

There is a piquant situation in the Westminster Abbey Division where after numerous prominent Conservatives announced their support of Mr. Churchill, Mr. Baldwin has issued a letter stating that the Conservative opponent Mr. Nicholson should receive the whole-hearted support of the Unionist Party.

Mr. Churchill had just published his election address emphatically declaring his intention to support Mr. Baldwin and the Conservative party.

### MULTUM IN PARVO.

MINIA E GOLF AT

JOON.

or adversity, the

club opened its new six-

miniature course yesterday with an eclectic competition which drew about fifty entrants.

Mapped out by Mr. J. C. Fletcher, the golf section's energetic skipper, on the piece of waste land between Cox's Path and the tennis courts, the new "course" boasts six holes, the largest of which is 77 yards and the shortest 23 yards. Each hole has been given a name famous in golfing history, either local or otherwise.

Thus one drives off at the "Silver Tassie" and leaving Glenogies, essays the "Road hole" which is set quite so formidable as the famous seventeenth at St. James's.

approached if one is to avoid landing into a "resha" conveying some staid Kowloon citizen to morning church. "Jock's Pulpit," a localised adaptation of "Sandy's Pulpit," at Fanling and so called by way of compliment to the designer of the course, comes next and then "the Cardinal" with its bordering roadway. From Prestwich one plays across over a yawning bumper of sand and loose bricks to "the maiden," beloved of Erid, and then comes "the Gem" which might with equal appropriateness have been called "the cabbage patch." All that is needed now is a set of local rules. May one, for instance, pick out if he finds himself amongst the prize leeks?

Yesterday's competition was for trophies generously presented by Mr. Peta, of local racing fame. As more than one managed to go around in 18, the lowest score, so far, there will have to be a replay to decide the winner of the first prize.

### GERMAN ELECTIONS.

OCCUPIED ZONE VOTERS.

FREEDOM WANTED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

BERLIN, March 9.

In view of the approaching general election, the Government of the Reich has appealed to the authorities in the occupied territories for liberty of the press and freedom of speech throughout the occupied zones in order to ensure uninfluenced voting. The Government has also asked permission for speakers from unoccupied Germany to address meetings, and for 140,000 inhabitants expelled from the occupied regions, to be allowed to vote. It is stated that the Rhineland High Commission is likely to grant the freedom of the press as far as the safety of the occupation troops permits.

[An earlier cable stated that an Inter-Allied mission has been again asked to the Palatinate as a result of continued quiet events. Much tension still obtains in the local centre there in view of alleged French reprisals and arrests of anti-Separatists.]

### EAST SIBERIAN BANDITS.

REPORTED TERRIBLE OUTRAGES.

CHINESE SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

RIGA, March 9.

The Soviet press publishes reports from Vladivostok with regard to the attack on the East Siberian village of Komissarovna on February 20, by 300 Manchus who were alleged to have been reinforced by Chinese soldiers from the garrison of Mishyan.

The village was burnt, men were killed and women were outraged.

The Cheka guards prevented a massacre of the whole population and killed twenty bandits. The remainder plundered two more villages. Russian frontier guards subsequently killed twenty more bandits.

It is alleged that the band was commanded by a Chinese officer called Sasawa who was well-equipped with four field guns and an ambulance.

### TERRIBLE WAITING.

MINERS' FATE STILL UNKNOWN.

RESCUE ATTEMPTS.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 9.

Although a rescue party has penetrated into the workings of the Utah fuel mine to a depth of 2,500 feet, no definite news of the imprisoned miners has yet been received.

There are no indications of fire up to the present. The leader of the rescuers was asphyxiated.

[An earlier cable stated that 175 coal miners had been entombed as the result of an explosion at the Utah Fuel Company's mine, which was said to be on fire.]

### NINE BODIES FOUND.

LATER.

Nine charred bodies have been removed from the Utah fuel mine.

### TURKEY AND RUSSIA.

IMMEDIATE TRADE FREEDOM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 9.

A message from Moscow states that the Soviet Government has granted "immediate freedom of trade" between Turkey and Russia subject only to the payment of customs dues for the local produce and manufactures of both countries, while Turkish traders are free to come and go to sell their wares to whomsoever they please.

### REAPING THE WHIRLWIND.

RIGA, March 9.

A message from Minsk states that 22 well-equipped bandits, including three women, led by Ataman Yegor Monich who carried out a series of robberies on the railways have been tried and condemned to death.

Eight others have been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and 27 to shorter terms. Eighteen were acquitted.

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NOTICE OF CALL.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Final Call of \$2.50 per Share on each of the 95,000 Shares allotted on the 8th day of November, 1922, has been made by the Company, and that such call will be payable to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, in Hongkong, on the 15th day of March, 1924.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 15th March, both days inclusive.

For and on behalf of the Hongkong Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.

S. COURTNEY COOK, Secretary.

Dated this 22nd day of February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors, R. M. DYER, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March 1924 until Saturday the 22nd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board, PERCY H. SUCKLING, Secretary.

Hongkong 6th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

H.K. DOG AND CAT SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding the Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held in the Parade Ground on Saturday 15th March at 2 p.m. There will be classes for all kinds of dogs, including cross-breeds and puppies, also litters of puppies. If sufficient entries are received there will be classes for cats also. Entry forms may be had from the undersigned.

Entries close on Tuesday 11th inst. at 5 p.m. and intending competitors are notified that owing to the trouble in compiling the catalogue no entries can possibly be accepted after that date.

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HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

EXTRA RACE MEETINGS will be held on the following dates in 1924 (weather permitting): 29th March, 19th and 21st April, 24th May, 7th and 9th June, 11th and 13th October, 8th November, 29th November. By Order C. B. BROWN (Secretary) Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER of Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on SATURDAY, 15th March at 8 p.m. in the Hall of Queen's College. Members are requested to send in their subscription before 12th inst. The minimum charge is \$3. Members intending to invite guests are requested to notify Mr. C. Chao, Asia Banking Corporation, or the undersigned.

H. C. HUNT, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. John Scott Harston in our firm ceased on the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

WE have admitted Mr. Reginald Frederick Mattingly a partner in our firm as from the 6th March 1924. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE business of Solicitors and Notaries Public heretofore carried on by us, under the style of Deacon, Harston & Shenton, will, as from today's date, be carried on under the style of Deacons. DEACON HARSTON & SHENTON. Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

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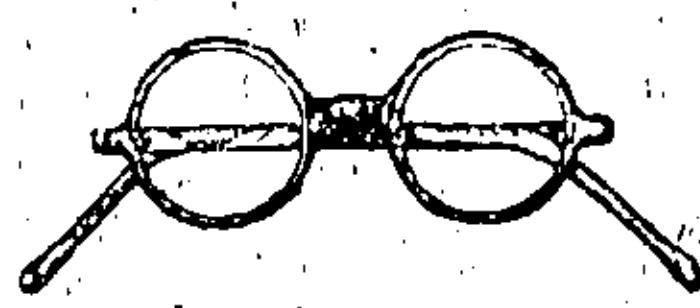
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## DEATH.

**EDWARDS.**—At the French Hospital, at 5.30 a.m. on Monday, March 10, 1924, James Edwards, aged 65 years, Native of Greenock, Late Chief Engineer of the s.s. "Tai Ming." Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, MAR. 10, 1924.

## DAMN!

Of the barnacles attached to our glorious language, those which "age cannot wither etc." are undoubtedly what are known as swear words. They are not the particular property of any trade, profession, or calling but the possession of most people who find restraint of tongue—particularly in these humid regions—an impossibility. Some of them are multum in parvo—expressing much in little, whilst as easements and aids to a fairly normal state of nerves, their attributes in this respect have never been questioned. The most popular—judging it by the frequency with which it is heard—is the one whose name appears at the head of this Note. It belongs to no class of society—we confess to having heard Clerics use it—and is capable of a meaning beyond mere ordinary ability sometimes to indicate. Thus when the

Skipper interviewed by the "China Mail's" representative on Saturday states with seaman-like emphasis that "the public, like the Government don't care a damn" (he is referring to the Piracy evil) we know exactly what he means, although in this case the word is being used in an altogether different sense to that which follows its, alas!, more than occasional use. If our gallant, but forceful skipper (we cannot imagine him being invited to meet the Bishops now in our midst—for whom perhaps he doesn't care a damn) will delete the words "like the Government" we will agree heartily with him; and we will add that the public apparently doesn't care a continental (we use this word for the sake of the many tender consciences who dislike hard words, and to show how the more homely one is capable of expansion) for quite a number of things. And over our Skipper may find himself included in this somewhat sweeping assertion. Let him and the great number of those who constitute "the public" sit down for a moment and consider if they care a damn about the many things which should excite their sympathy and active interest. We don't attempt to reiterate what these are. They will become apparent once the contemplative attitude is adopted, and the stigma of not caring which applies to most people regarding things of importance in Hongkong will disappear. Perhaps!

## A New Peace Plan.

The American Bok Peace Plan is generally known. So far it has not solved peace, but brought upon it the innuendos and accusations common to a certain class of politicians in the States. The successful plan—that is the plan that won Mr. Bok's huge prize—is being broadcasted over America and votes for and against it are being solicited. Mr. Henry Ford was to have entered "the competition but overlooked" it, and now offers his own plan in four clear words. They are "Make Everybody Speak English"—which he describes as "very simple and would if put into effect, absolutely insure international peace." We ourselves would like to insert the word "almost" in front of absolutely. There are facts which show clearly that a knowledge of English has not prevented people from fighting, although as a general thing a universal spoken language would be a great deterrent to the pursuit of war. Two words in Mr. Ford's plan seem to us to spoil it. Make is one; and everybody another. You cannot make people do things for which they may see no reason. The Frenchman may rightly argue that his language is as good as others that could be named and might say "make everybody speak French." The other word is everybody, and there is no need to enlarge on the stupendous nature of the newest of the many proposals to ensure peace. The best wording would be "Urge everybody to speak English." Would not greater opportunities for the peoples of the world to co-mingle tend to greater understanding? Travelling facilities should be made easier and within the reach of most people. It is understanding that is needed. The slogan might be: "Make everybody get understanding."

## A Promising Sign.

In no single act of the new Labour Government in England since it has assumed office has it behaved more circumspectly than in the attitude it is credited with having adopted towards the Imperial Conference resolutions. According to a *Reuter's* cable message, these resolutions will be moved in the House of Commons from the Treasury bench, and submitted to a free vote. To the Dominion representatives who took part in the Conference and to the Governments and people of the Dominions this announcement, supposing it to be authoritative, must be entirely satisfactory. As the present British Ministers were not in office when the Imperial Conference was in session, and had neither part or lot in the decisions there arrived at, and as at least some of these decisions might conceivably be held to conflict with the fiscal policy on which the Labour Party went to the country, some anxiety was felt as to the line that would be taken, legislatively, in respect of them. There is now, however, reason to hope, especially as Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues are reported to hold in the highest respect the body from which they have emanated, that the resolutions will, in the main if not in their entirety, commend themselves to a majority of the House.

The other night INSULT TO TWO little HONG-KONG MEN, both exuding that suggestion of pomposity which one associates with little men, were waiting for a tram. The tram came, but dished past without stopping, the motorman not even deigning to clang his bell. One disconsolate little man turned to the other equally disconsolate little man. "I knew we were small," he said, "but I thought he could see us."

In the London *Daily Express*, "Beachcomber" quotes an English sentence, which although, perhaps, a trifle involved in its way extremely impressive. An old nurse asks a child, avid after literary entertainment: "Whatever made you choose that book to be read to out of from for?"

The *London Daily Express* is not to be atoned by the *Daily Express*, "Your husband is suffering." Much impressed, the pair returned home and consulted the dictionary. When they read: "Syncope—moving quickly from bar to bar, their already high opinion of the doctor became a matter of awe."

British prestige has ANOTHER received another KNOCK. *Middle* Langlen, because a decision was given against her in a lawn tennis match, refused to play, declaring: "It is unfair; the English are pigs." In the face of the little Frenchwoman's fury, the

English umpire resigned, and *Middle* Langlen played on. The incident of course, has the sanction of established precedent, with *Middle* Langlen in the role of *Middle* Poincare and the umpire in the place of British politicians. It is cabled that *Middle* Langlen and her partner won "comfortably," a statement which reveals an unsuspected sense of humour in the cableman. Whatever the pig my lack in the way of social graces, it possesses one virtue that *Middle* Langlen lacks—it confines its expressions of disapproval to a grunt.

"Motorcar turns turtle." *RIDDLE* says a Press report. This metamorphosis suggests an adaptation of an old conundrum. "When is a motor car not a motor?" "When it turns turtle."

A London paper declares that during the recent election campaign a candidate had been severely heckled all the evening, but when a voice from the audience hurled the epithet "two-faced" at him he sprang to his feet. Ladies and gentlemen," he exclaimed, "do you suppose that if I possessed two faces I should be wearing this one?"

The same story, in a slightly different and, we think, a more effective form, was told of the late Sir George Reid something over a quarter of a century ago. Replying to the same taunt Reid drawled: "I have the advantage of my friend at the back. If he possessed two faces I am sure he would not have come out with that one."

The story which follows may be just as hoary, but it is perhaps new to some:

Tory Candidate: Let me tax your memories.  
A Voice: What! Memories, too!

## To-day's Poem.

(Imagination.)  
If I could find a higher tree,  
Farther and farther I should see,  
To where the grown-up river slips  
Into the sea among the ships,

To where the roads on either hand  
Lead onward into fairy land,  
Where all the children dine at  
five,  
And all the playthings come alive.

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 10.

1798. We all passed the morning in sauntering about the park and gardens, the children playing about, the old man at the top of the hill gathering furze; interesting groups of human creatures, the young frisking and dancing in the sun, the elders quietly drinking in the life and soul of the sun and air. — Dorothy Wordsworth.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised  
In The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENT 5.

March 10.—Coronet Theatre; Pola Negri in "Gypsy Blood."  
March 10.—Star Theatre; Douglas McLean in "Let's Be Fashionable."  
March 10.—World Theatre; Roy Stewart in "Burning Words."  
March 13.—Theatre Royal; Grand Orchestral Concert, 9.15 p.m.  
March 14.—Theatre Royal; farewell return visit of Kaal's Hawaiian Troubadours, 9.15 p.m.  
March 29.—Theatre Royal; Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.  
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.  
March 15.—Fourth annual dinner of Queen's College Old Boys' Assn., 8 p.m.  
March 17.—Hongkong Football Club dinner in the Hongkong Hotel, 7.30 p.m.

SPORT.  
March 20.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
March 18.—Lammert Bros., at Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, electric furnaces, etc., etc. Noon.  
March 21.—Lammert Bros., at Godown No. 18 Kowloon, 500 cases Canadian salted herrings, 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.  
March 14.—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11.30 a.m.  
March 15.—A. S. Watson & Co., thirty-ninth annual meeting at the Hongkong Hotel, 11 a.m.

March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.

March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.

March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

DOG AND CAT SHOW.  
March 15.—In the Parade Ground, H.K. Dog and Cat Show, 2 p.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

From Berlin *Reuter* cables that the Hamburg dockers have decided to strike to-morrow.

An application by Revenue Officer Ward was granted by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for the confiscation of 1,600 ounces of morphine (valued at about \$400 a pound) seized in 19 cases marked Hongkong 1/19 in No 23 godown, Kowloon, on March 6.

A report has been made to the police that Chow Fook-hung, a sub-contractor, while working on the roof of a sawmill at the Cosmopolitan Dock yesterday afternoon, had the misfortune to be dropped thirty feet through the roof giving way. He was killed instantaneously.

From Macao comes the report that the leading Chinese merchants, in conjunction with the directors of the Kerig Woo hospital, have held a further meeting to discuss the proposals advanced by the Macao legislature for taxes on merchandise. The Chinese state that strenuous representations will be made to Government.

Thieves have been busy breaking street gas-lamps on the upper levels during the last few days. This has been particularly noticeable on Conduit and Hutton Roads where the glass of the lamps have been broken and the burners stolen. A previous epidemic of thefts from street-lamps, several years ago, is recalled when the Gas Company offered rewards for arrest of the culprits.

After several remands in policy custody, the six Chinese charged with piracy of the s.s. "Tai Lee" were discharged by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. These men were arrested in Hongkong, Canton and Macao and were alleged to have absconded from the ship in company with the pirates at East Maning. Mr. T. M. Hazlerigg, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was in Court this morning and said that he had no evidence to offer.

The transport s.s. "Sicilia" arrived at Hongkong this morning with several officers and married families aboard. Among those who disembarked were Lieut.-Col. Bacchus, R.A.P.C., Major Lewis, R.A.M.C., Capt. Davies, R.A.M.C. and Mrs. Cooper, wife of Lieut. Cooper of the East Surrey. The "Sicilia" will leave to-morrow with a small draft of the Loyal Regiment under Lieut. Bulling, for North China.

A reproduction of the Canton customs brokers' dispute seems to have been enacted recently, according to the vernacular papers. It is stated that Chinese soldiers have boarded junks from Hongkong and demanded levies but that the junk-owners, who invariably pay on behalf of the consignees, pointed out that they are already losing on exchange and that freight rates are low. The hint seems to be in the direction that when the junks make their declarations at the sub-station before reaching Canton, they do not give the full values and weights, hence the military interference. No settlement has yet been arrived at.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. Bishop C. F. Moosher arrived in the Colony this morning by the "Arafura."

A *Reuter* cable from New York reports the death of Mr. Alfred Smith, President of the New York Central Railroad who was killed through being thrown from a horse in Central Park.

Mrs. R. F. C. Master, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dr. and Mrs. Baleen and family, Mrs. G. M. Harton, and the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Featherstone left for home by the "Karmala" on Saturday.

A New York cable through *Reuter's American Services* states that Archbishop Hayes of New York and Archbishop Mundelein of Chicago sailed on the *Berengaria* for Rome, where they are to be elevated to the Cardinalate. Five thousand persons thronged the pier and farewelled the prelates, the hand-shaking delaying the *Berengaria's* departure.

## NEWS AT LAST.

## MISSING LAUNCH MYSTERY.

SOME PASSENGERS  
RETURN.

## LIGHT ON THE "KWONG SHUN" AFFAIR.

Several events took place during the week-end all connected with the disappearance of the ferry launch "Kwong Shun." One fact definitely established is that the launch did not sink or meet with accident. She was forcibly taken away by a gang of pirates, or rather bandits, and her approximate location can now be surmised with some certainty.

Eighteen passengers have been released by the bandits and have returned to Hongkong. On Sunday a body was found in the Yau-mai refuge. Subsequently a bullet hole was noticed in the body and it is conjectured that the body was connected with the missing launch. Later when the passengers stated that no shot was fired this impression was removed, but the body has not yet been identified.

There is also a report that a Chinese detective from Macao has been here to make a statement that he has ascertained where the "Kwong Shun" is to be found. The other parts of his report more or less agree with the observations of the liberated passengers.

This morning it was gathered that no others have returned and that no reports of letters demanding ransom have been made to the police. It was stated that the police and naval authorities were concentrating on the vicinity indicated and that a minute search would be made but that there would be no landing party. The Chinese authorities at Kowloon are quoted as having promised the necessary assistance on land and representations would be made to them to obtain the release of the kidnapped passengers. It was expected that Chinese military forces would be detailed to search for the pirates.

From what was told to a *China Mail* man by one of the coolies who were released, it appears that there were ten pirates, seven of whom had firearms. When the launch was about half-way to Hongkong, the gang held up the coxswain at the wheel and threatened the eighty or so passengers. Control was secured in a few minutes and a course was set due west. The passengers were assembled from both decks and driven into the hold. Lights were put out but it is believed that some of the passengers threw their money and valuables overboard so as not to attract the attention of the robbers when the search was to be made. Our informant states that the passage was very rough and there were a few who were tempted to sneak overboard but for the cold. At seven on Monday morning the launch put in at a place which is believed to be Cheng On village, in Lai Wan, where there was a small stone pier. Before landing the passengers had been stripped but there was little money or jewellery. An hour's march brought them to the stronghold where the chief, who was known as Wong Ng, ordered an examination. All the passengers, including eleven women and a number of children, had their hands and feet inspected. Those who had the appearance of being other than artisans were kept aside while, fourteen coolies employed by one firm and two other coolies, were kept separately in a small hut.

Awe-inspiring sights presented themselves when the coolies had a chance of looking round. Our informant says that he saw one man who must have been in captivity for months as his hair was nearly a foot long and he spent his time catching the lice in his clothing. One of the gang threatened to brain the child of a woman captive because he cried. The coolie saw the child taken from its mother but does not know what became of it.

In the small hours of Saturday night, the sixteen coolies were awakened and together with two poor women were told that they were to be set free as the chief's policy was to "rob the rich to relieve the poor." They were escorted by two bandits holding hand-lanterns in front and two with revolvers behind and had a walk which the coolie compared as "from Kennedy Town to Quarry Bay" before they were put in a sampan.

Here the guards "left them with a parting injunction that if they met any sampan-ferries they were to say that they were travelling under the orders of Wong Ng, the Elder Brother, and they would be given a free passage." A dollar in Canton coins was given each of the released captives for their "chow." They ultimately reached Pak-ai where they boarded the "On Lee" which arrived in Hongkong after midnight on Saturday, or rather the Sunday morning. On arrival in Hongkong they were taken to Central Station where statements were taken.

## NEWS AT LAST.

## CHINESE SOLOMON.

TRIPPING THE UNWARY  
EVIL DOER.

TRIAL OF A PIG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

KIUNGCHOW, HAINAN, March 4.  
Not many days ago I heard some stories of an official named Khen who used to be in Kiungchow in the days of the Manchus. His fame as a just and clever judge spread far and wide. Here are two of the exploits credited to him:

One day a bad soldier entered the home of a widow and finding that she was absent tried to make off with the daughter. The girl resisted and bit and scratched the soldier in her struggle. The soldier stabbed her and fled. Later the widow appealed to the magistrates for justice. He replied that she must bring a pig to court and he would do justice to her by trying the pig. News of this enigmatic proceeding spread around the town and down to Hanoi. So when the trial came off the yamen was full. The magistrates seemed pleased to let the public in. The trial proceeded by the judge examining the old mother and then the pig. Meanwhile the yamen gates had been shut. But it was not long before the public tired of the pig game and wanted to get out. It was announced that anyone who wished to go must first remove his outer garment. So all went out one by one in this fashion. It was not long before the guilty soldier, also, tried to slip out. But he was not willing to remove his coat. At that the guard seized him and removed his coat and found the marks of struggle. They had caught the proper party.

At another time his magistrate was walking through the long street of Hanoi and as he passed a peanut-oil shop, he heard a young girl weeping. He inquired and found that someone had just stolen 4800 cash (three strings) from her—all the earnings of the shop. What did he do but have her seized, beaten and tied up in front of the yamen! Then all the people began to murmur that although this man was noted as a just judge, this time he surely had been wrong. But the girl was tied up at the yamen gate and a guard set over her and a bowl half filled with water placed in front of her. The guard called out to the crowd which had gathered that if they wanted to look at the girl they must drop a cash into the bowl. And it wasn't long before there were a good many cash in the dish. "Curse! killed a cat," they say. The thief came also to watch his victim shed tears. He was moved with pity and tossed more than 100 of his ill-gotten gains into the bowl. As the cash sank to the bottom a film of oil rose to the surface. The guard promptly arrested the thief. There was no doubt about his guilt. The magistrate had instructed the guard to be on the lookout for oily cash.

## CHINESE CLUB SWEEP!

DISPUTE OVER MISSING  
TICKET.

## WILL THE MONEY BE PAID?

An interesting dossier concerning the dispute over the ticket which won the Chinese Club's Derby sweep last year has been sent to the newspapers by Messrs. G. K. Hall Brutton & Company, who are the solicitors acting for Mrs. Violet Chan, the unsuccessful claimant. The matter came again into prominence when the finding of the lost ticket was announced recently and, further legal proceedings, possibly involving a libel action, are said to be in train.

The documents and correspondence show that, as has already been stated, it was promised on behalf of the Club, when the arbitration was arranged, that a guarantor approved by the Club Committee would guarantee the recipient when the prize was paid over. After the arbitrators' award in favour of Mr. Chik Sung-ling had been announced Messrs. Hall Brutton, intimating that certain legal proceedings had been instituted by Mrs. Chan and Mr. Sydney Ng Quinn, suggested that the Club should decline to be bound by the award and should retain the prize money in the meantime.

When Messrs. Hall Brutton & Co. informed the Club on February 20 that the lost ticket had been found, they asked to be informed whether the guarantee was given, and the amount thereof, and the name of the guarantor. This application was made on behalf of Mrs. Violet Chan as owner of ticket No. 03066. A reply was received that the Chinese Club was unable to comply with the request.

On asking for a reconsideration of the decision, a reply was received on March 6 by Messrs. Hall Brutton & Co. from the Club's solicitors, Messrs. Lo & Lo, to the effect that the Club Committee were not prepared to reconsider their decision and there the matter stands.







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| Algeria                | Algiers      | Pres. | 238,147       | 20.2            | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Angola                 | Luanda       | Pres. | 480,384       | 11.5            | 1,000                    | 48                      | 100                                      | 10               | 55             |
| Argentina              | Buenos Aires | Pres. | 2,780,400     | 34.0            | 2,000                    | 75                      | 10                                       | 10               | 75             |
| Armenia                | Yerevan      | Pres. | 29,743        | 2.7             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Australia              | Canberra     | Parl. | 7,731,571     | 18.5            | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Austria                | Vienna       | Parl. | 83,858        | 8.2             | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Azerbaijan             | Baku         | Pres. | 86,600        | 7.5             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Bahrain                | Manama       | Emir  | 780           | 0.2             | 10,000                   | 75                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Bangladesh             | Dhaka        | Parl. | 147,570       | 120.0           | 1,000                    | 65                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Barbados               | Bridgetown   | Parl. | 430           | 0.2             | 10,000                   | 75                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Belarus                | Minsk        | Pres. | 207,600       | 10.0            | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Belgium                | Brussels     | Parl. | 30,528        | 10.5            | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Belize                 | Belize City  | Parl. | 22,967        | 0.4             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Benin                  | Cotonou      | Pres. | 112,622       | 10.0            | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Bhutan                 | Thimphu      | King  | 38,394        | 0.6             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Bolivia                | Sucre        | Pres. | 378,215       | 8.5             | 1,000                    | 68                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Sarajevo     | Parl. | 51,129        | 4.0             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Brazil                 | Brasilia     | Pres. | 8,511,965     | 155.0           | 1,000                    | 72                      | 100                                      | 10               | 55             |
| Bulgaria               | Sofia        | Pres. | 110,910       | 8.0             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
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| Burundi                | Gitega       | Pres. | 27,834        | 6.0             | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Cambodia               | Phnom Penh   | King  | 183,910       | 12.0            | 1,000                    | 68                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Cameroon               | Yaounde      | Pres. | 475,339       | 15.0            | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Canada                 | Ottawa       | Parl. | 9,984,670     | 31.0            | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Cape Verde             | Praia        | Pres. | 4,033         | 0.5             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Casakhstan             | Nur-Sultan   | Pres. | 1,104,912     | 17.0            | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Catalonia              | Barcelona    | Parl. | 32,918        | 7.5             | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Cayman Islands         | George Town  | Parl. | 264           | 0.05            | 10,000                   | 75                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Czechia                | Prague       | Parl. | 78,867        | 10.5            | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Dominican Republic     | Santiago     | Parl. | 75,317        | 7.0             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Dominica               | Roseau       | Parl. | 751           | 0.07            | 10,000                   | 75                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| DRC                    | Kinshasa     | Pres. | 2,345,409     | 85.0            | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Ecuador                | Quito        | Pres. | 283,560       | 16.0            | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Egypt                  | Cairo        | Pres. | 1,001,450     | 95.0            | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| El Salvador            | San Salvador | Pres. | 21,709        | 6.0             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Equatorial Guinea      | Malabo       | Pres. | 28,051        | 1.0             | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Estonia                | Tallinn      | Parl. | 45,248        | 1.3             | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| Ethiopia               | Addis Ababa  | Pres. | 1,104,300     | 100.0           | 1,000                    | 52                      | 100                                      | 10               | 35             |
| Fiji                   | Suva         | Parl. | 183,344       | 0.8             | 1,000                    | 72                      | 20                                       | 10               | 55             |
| Finland                | Helsinki     | Parl. | 143,300       | 5.5             | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
| France                 | Paris        | Parl. | 643,801       | 67.0            | 10,000                   | 78                      | 10                                       | 10               | 85             |
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DIOCESAN CONFERENCE  
THIS AFTERNOON

OPENING ADDRESS BY  
THE BISHOP.

"UNDOUBTED PROGRESS."

The Church of England Diocesan Conference opened this afternoon at St. John's Cathedral Hall, and was marked by the presence of many of the visiting Bishops and delegates who are on their way to the General Synod at Canton.

The late afternoon session at 5.15 to 6.45 p.m. is open to the public. Presiding at the Conference, the Bishop of Victoria reviewed the history of the Diocese, stating that though there had been several setbacks in their work, the Diocese had made undoubted progress.

## THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

The Bishop said:—  
In May we shall enter upon the seventy-fifth year of our story as a Diocese and I often think that all that has happened since Dr. George Smith was consecrated in Canterbury Cathedral on May 29th, 1849 as first Bishop of Victoria, with the oversight of all the work of the Church of England in China and Japan is an encouragement to us to persevere in the work committed to us in spite of temporary checks and difficulties.

For since these early days a Church has come into being in Japan. And since these early days Hongkong itself has been transformed from a barren rocky island frequented by a few fishermen and pirates to what a Secretary of State at the British Imperial Conference in 1923 has described as the largest seaport in the world.

## GREAT CHANGES.

It is rather more than three years since I landed in Hongkong as the sixth Bishop of Victoria and the changes that I have witnessed seem to me to be a prelude of the yet greater changes that are to be. It does not fall within my scope to-day to speak in any detail of the work in the Diocese as a whole but rather of the Colonial work. But before I proceed to do this I should like to say that looking for a moment at the work as a whole there has been undoubted progress during the past three years.

I am aware there have been setbacks too; due in part to some cases to the unrest in the country. For instance in the matter of Confirmation. In my first year I confirmed only 200. In last year I confirmed 850 since my arrival here. In the neighbouring Diocese of Fokien the confirmation figures are very much higher, due in no small measure, as I believe to a considerably larger staff of workers.

But though there have been setbacks yet on the whole, substantial progress has been made. And I would like to put on record here how much we owe to the indefatigable labours of Archdeacon Barnett, whose absence on account of ill-health we all so deeply deplore. It is due to his initiative that three of our Church educational institutions have been erected in this Colony, namely St. Stephen's College, St. Stephen's Hostel, and again it is due to him that Holy Trinity College has been erected in Canton.

## PROGRESS BEING MADE.

And in our Church as a whole progress I am sure is being made.

When I return to England I do not expect to find things where they were four years ago when I was there last; and if I were to visit the different countries of the world and examine the Church life there I am sure I should have to say the same. That everywhere in spite of much apparent failure and glaring limitations there is life and the development which comes of life.

I do not think that the situation we have to face is to be met by any merely static habit of mind. Hope is the true temper of life and we must face our work with hope. It seems to me that the Church of England has always left room for development in its essence. It refuses to be static though often it has lagged behind.

The main subject that is to occupy us to-day is the consideration of where our Church has failed; and of the question whether we shall plan to have next year, or the year following, a Mission of Help such as they had in India a year ago.

I am confident that the consideration of such subjects can do nothing but good because a right understanding of a situation is a first step towards effective action.

I have been reading recently a book entitled "India and the Church" being impressions of the members of the Mission of Help. The book is published by the S.P.C.K.

What one of the missionaries writes is that if they had started the Mission with the experience they had gained by the end of the mission it would have been to the great gain of their work.

THE WORLD'S PROBLEM.

This book begins with a paper by the Bishop of Winchester on the "Spiritual Responsibility of Empire" in which he insists that our problem is fundamentally the problem of the whole world, namely "is it possible to create a world commonwealth consisting of many races, many nations, many degrees of civilization, yet united in a larger loyalty than anything local or regional, subject to one law, keeping one peace?" and in which he also quotes the words of Walter Page the great American Ambassador on the need for a growing comradeship between the members of the Anglo-Saxon race East and West.

As the world stands, Walter Page says, "The United States and Great Britain must work together and stand together. The thing, the only thing is a perfect understanding between the English speaking peoples; that is necessary and that is all that is necessary. Possibly the words of Walter Page are an exaggerated statement but I think most reasonable people will acknowledge that they are substantially true. Later in the book there is an article, a very fresh and vivid article, by the Dean of Manchester, Dr. Gough McCormick on "The Englishman in India." As I read this article it seemed to me that the problem of the Britisher in India was not unlike the problem of the Britisher in Hongkong or China. Father Waggett has an article on "The Intellectual Environment," Miss Higson, one on "The social application of Christianity" and the Metropolitan of India a very useful article on "The Mission of Help" in which he speaks of the scope of the Mission, the preparations made, and in which he also pays a warm tribute to the work done by Miss Higson and the other lady missionaries.

COLONIAL CHURCH WORK.

There are other articles scarcely less interesting but I have not time to refer to them now. I would commend this book for the study of all interested in the problems of our Colonial life.

If it is decided that there should be a Mission of Help my hope would be that it will mark a real advance in the effectiveness and vitality, intellectually, socially, and spiritually, of our Church in the Far East. I think the time has come for us to reconsider and perhaps reconstruct some of the Colonial Church work.

There are quite special difficulties that must frankly be faced in our Colonial Church life. One is due to the changing population. In three years here I have seen two Vice-Chancellors of the University and one Acting Vice-Chancellor; three General Officers Commanding the troops in the China command; while of the six ladies who were originally appointed as Diocesan Secretaries of the V.D.A. only one, Lady Severn, still remains in the Colony.

Another fact that has to be faced is that Sunday is undoubtedly looked upon as a general holiday for sport rather than as a day of worship. Young men and women, too, coming out here observe that only a minority go to Church; they say little about it but it affects the life nevertheless. While I say this I thought also to say that I do not for a moment consider that the European in the Far East is less religious than the European at home. There too there is a lack of social life in the Church; it may be that this is provided for so amply in other directions that there is not felt to be a great need for it here also. I am not clear about this but of this I am sure that we ought to endeavour to build up a more corporate life and that we can

do by team work what can never be accomplished by purely individual effort. In a boat race eight men can never beat a crew.

## THE WOMAN'S WORK.

Then too I would like to see the strengthening of our women's work. In a day when there is a woman Secretary of State we may well ask ourselves whether women are sufficiently represented in the Executive Councils of the Church. For instance, in the case of our own Cathedral might there not be established as a first step a woman's Advisory Council? The women of Hongkong are doing much but I believe that there are avenues of service still open to them and that given the right leadership there would be a due response.

And I would like to take this opportunity of thanking those laymen who so generously give their service as members of the different Church bodies and on the governing bodies of our different educational institutions. Their help means much.

During the three years I have been in Hongkong the following buildings have been erected, dedicated, or donated:—The Cathedral Hall dedicated soon after my arrival and already proving so great a boon to our work. The Church of Our Saviour, Canton, where we have also soon to have a Parochial Hall and House for the Chinese clergyman in charge, a new building for St. Stephen's Girls' College, a new block at St. Paul's College; a residence for the senior Chaplain; an In-Patients block for the hospital at Yunnanfu; St. Stephen's Church enlarged; the Chapel at Macao renovated; and St. Andrew's Parochial Hall, Kowloon enlarged. We are hoping shortly to see erected new buildings for the Diocesan Boys' School, St. Stephen's College, and St. Paul's Girls' School.

## BIGGER STAFFS.

I should like also to see provision made for a small Diocesan Office; and, reverting to the matter of personnel, I should like to see provision made for a Diocesan Chaplain who should be attached to the Cathedral staff, act as Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop and visit the outposts. I believe that given a man with initiative there would be real scope for such a worker. I have often thought that there is ample room for a third clergyman at the Cathedral. There are all the travellers' passing through, all the different groups of people to be kept in touch with, all the pastoral, preaching and press work which needs to be done. Out here in the East I believe that given that each man has a man's work to do, we should overstaff rather than understaff because we have to face all the complications that arise from furlough and sickness, and because in all good work provision must be made for the maintenance of continuity.

I would also like to see the establishment of a Diocesan Endowment Fund which could be invested and the interest of which could be used for urgent needs as they arise. I do not consider that a rich Church is necessarily a strong Church but I am sure that proper financial provision makes for spiritual efficiency. And in this, Diocese no real provision has hitherto been made for central administration.

And now to come to personnel. Since last this Conference met two years ago there have been sundry changes. The Reverend J. T. Holman, A. J. Stearn H. S. Bailey, M. W. Shewell C. F. and Mr. Denman Fuller have left Hongkong. Their places have been taken by Reverend T. B. Powell, R. J. Northcott C. F. and Mr. Frederic Mason. Our ranks have also been strengthened by the coming of Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith for St. Andrew's, Kowloon and Rev. N. A. Peel for the Missions to Seamen.

And while I speak of personnel I should also like to say how much we owe to the work of my Commissioners in England, Rev. H. St. B. Holland (shortly to be installed as Canon, Vicar and Sub-Dean of Coventry) Canon Lavers Kemp of Manchester, Rev. R. W. Howard of Eton College and Rev. L. G. Mannering M.C. Vicar of St. Matthew's, Brighton.

## 28 NEW WORKERS.

As I look back over the three years I have been here I find that our ranks have been reinforced in all by twenty-eight new workers. Six are clergy, two doctors, three nurses, one choirmaster, and thirteen lay educationalists (ten being women). Of these twenty-eight workers three have left, two on account of ill-health, the third Mr. Bailey for work in the neighbouring Diocese of Kwangsi-Hunan. In a considerable number of cases we owe these new workers to the initiative of my Commissioner in England.

Most of these workers it is true, are for missionary work but my firm conviction is that as the missionary work is strengthened so it will strengthen the Colonial work and the strengthening of the Colonial work will react on the missionary work.

I expect to be on leave from April till January and during my absence I have asked the Venerable Archdeacon Barnett and the Rev. H. C. MOYLE to act as my commissaries.

## THE FUTURE.

And now as we face the future with all its boundless possibilities for expansion there comes to my mind the figure of that intrepid traveller General Perella pressing on and on along the borders of Tibet and as he journeyed there travelling out into the Great Beyond. It seems to me that if this spirit of hope and purpose and unflinching steadfastness is given to us we have the chance of doing work here which may well challenge all the one basins for all spiritual advance is prayer. No advance that is worth anything can come in any other way. Therefore let us keep the vision and press on. The big man needs something big to measure himself against and he will have no quarrel because his task is big. But what he pits against the odds that oppose him is not himself but the immeasurable might of God and in quiet confidence he can afford to be patient and to wait.

At the open session, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Moyle (Chekiang) will speak on "What is meant by a Mission of Help?" "Do we need one in the Far East?" and the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ferguson-Davie (Singapore) on "Some Practical Suggestions."

## CHINESE FOOTBALLERS.

## INVITED TO TOUR NEW ZEALAND.

It is reported that following upon the recent tour of Chinese soccer players in Australia, another invitation has been received from the New Zealand Football Association. The invitation has been tentatively accepted, and enquiries are being made for available players. Probably 17 will be sent, of which number Hongkong is being asked to contribute five. The manager will be selected by Dr. Gray, Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A., who will be in charge of the arrangements. Certain conditions have been laid down, one being that the players must be Middle School graduates. The plan is to leave China about the middle of June and spend two months in travel and two months in playing.

The South China Athletic Association has been approached and asked to discuss the matter. It has been intimated that football clothes will be provided by the National Committee, but the players will receive no personal effects or pocket money. The rest of the players will come from the colleges and universities in North, East, and Central China. The question of sending Chinese athletes and teams to the National Athletic Championships to be held at Wuchang, in Hupeh province, during May, is also under consideration.

TO-DAY'S  
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Candidates offering more than 7 subjects will be charged an additional fee of \$1 for each subject so offered.

No scholarships will be awarded on the results of this examination.

N. TEESDALE MACKINTOSH, Registrar.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1924.

## THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL, HONGKONG.

The Committee of the School have appointed the Rev. H. Du T. PYNER to act as Headmaster during the absence on furlough of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

H. C. MOYLE, Hon. Secretary.

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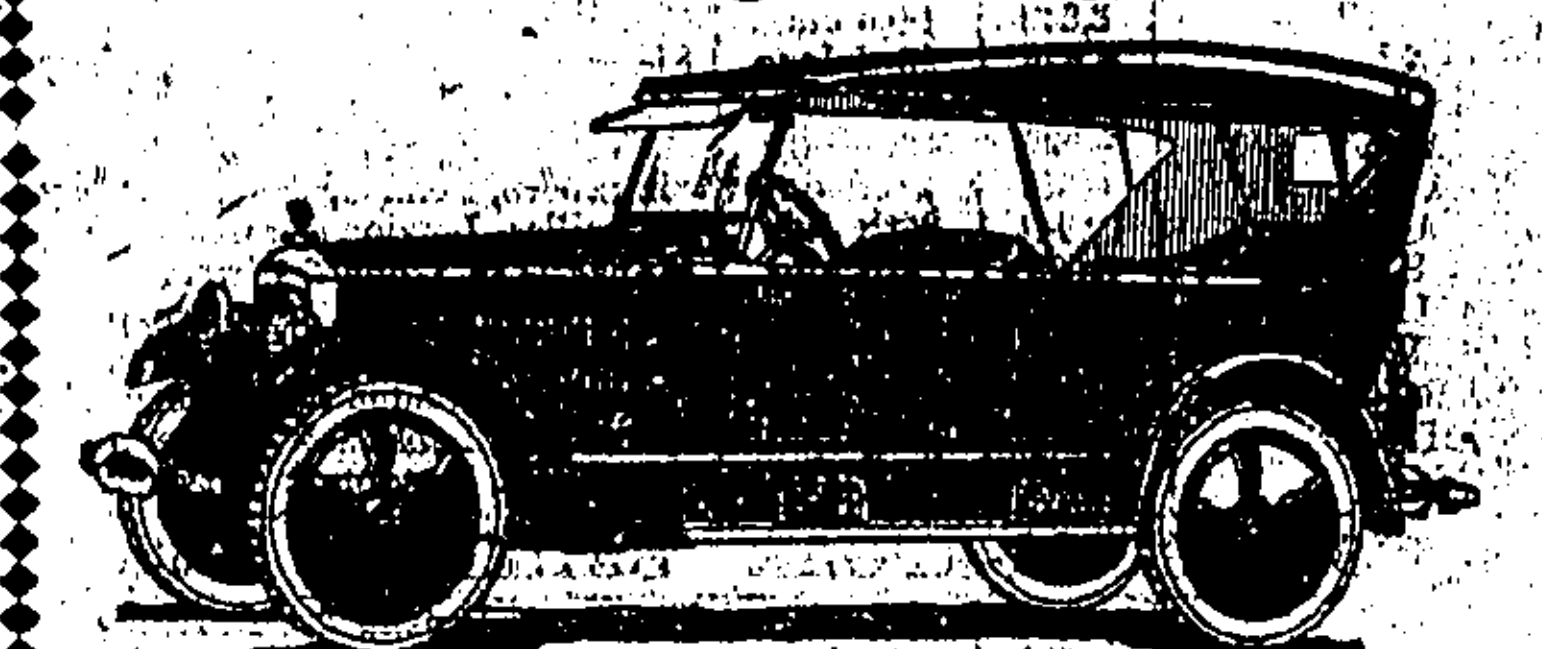
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The success of the entertainment was due chiefly to the happy co-operation of the Warden, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, the Chairman, Mr. T. O. Yeow, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. B. T. Khoo, who were ably supported by the Concert Committee.

Before the commencement of the concert, Mr. Yeow extended a warm welcome to the guests of the evening on behalf of his fellow residents of the hostel. He said that it was their aim to depart from the usual run of hostel concerts, and to present to the best of their ability an entertainment of a purely Chinese character, so that they might introduce their new Vice-Chancellor into the atmosphere of a Chinese variety entertainment.

With the exception of the overtures by the orchestra, which was under the capable direction of Mr. A. G. Gay, all the items were of a Chinese nature.

Thanks have to be accorded to Messrs. Yau Hok-chau and Ho Lau-tong for the Cantonese musical items, and to the members of the

## Swatow Students' Association for the Chiu-chow music.

Perhaps the most popular item of the evening was the sketch, written and directed by Messrs. W. S. Chung and C. W. Chan. Mr. S. Chung, as the illiterate villager, gave the audience a most humorous representation of that character.

The dragon-show, as was down in the programme, was indeed "some excitement."

The Vice-Chancellor was then called upon to speak. In a brief, but witty speech, Mr. Hornell, on behalf of the audience, thanked those responsible for the concert, especially the artists, for the evening's enjoyable entertainment.

Last, but not least, must be mentioned the dance held in the Union Building after the concert. Contributed.

London, March 8. In the national cross country championship at Doncaster over a distance of ten miles, the going was heavy. Correll (Royal Corps Signals) won in 36mins 50secs. E. Harper (Hallamshire Harriers) was second in 56mins. 54secs. and J. Webster (Birkfield Harriers) third in 57mins. 6secs.

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## SOUTH CHINA'S ILLS.

## OMINOUS OUTLOOK.

## TROUBLE FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Kongmoon, March 8.

War clouds are hanging thickly over the southern borders of the four districts forming the hinterland of Kongmoon and an ominous outlook prevails in the situation here. Not only is there the danger of attack from the anti-Sun faction which is threatening from the southern peninsula of Ko-Lui, but recent events portend an outbreak of fighting here, between Dr. Sun's adherents. The latter is due to several reasons, the most prominent of which are:—

Over 5,000 additional troops have arrived here making the total about 10,000 directly under ten different commanders who exercise powers more or less absolute. General Hsu Shung-chi, one time Dr. Sun's biggest Cantonese military supporter, is gradually forcing his way into the district and he is looked upon as preparing Kongmoon for a base on which Dr. Sun could fall back should Canton become untenable.

Other denominations are those of Admiral Fung Shu-ming, the Coastal Defence Commissioner, and General Li Chai-sun, Defence Commissioner of the Sze Yap districts. Then there is Leung Hung-kai who leads the 1st division of Cantonese troops and Yeung Kam-lung with a brigade under his control. Other lesser military leaders are Leung Shing-fung and Leung Teuk-kuk.

Admiral Chan Chak's subordinate—Chan Sik-kin—has been promoted brigadier-general. Commanders who have their troops at a little distance from this minor metropolis are Li Fook-lum, Chau Chi-ching and Mok Hung.

Although they are all professedly loyal to Dr. Sun, they collect and retain for themselves any revenues that may be forthcoming and it is Dr. Sun's wish that they should be under one control which will ensure the revenue being sent to Canton. The populace feels that there is not sufficient room for all these factions and the time is not far off when the bigger ones will attempt to drive out or assimilate the smaller ones. One method for which there are precedents is the disarming of rival corps so as to remove them from power.

From Chek-hom has come the report that thousands of brigands are converging on Hop Shan in the Yan Ping district, 20 miles from Chek-hom. Every day sees detachments of troops passing through Kongmoon on their way to the Yan Ping-Yeung Kong borders.

Evils attendant on the assembly of troops, are the press-gangs which have been particularly active at Sun-cheong. At San Wui city, those who venture out of doors after dark are considered brave men, since robbery and kidnapping are becoming daily events.

Political Changes. On the political side is the announcement that the magistrates of Sunning, Hokehan and Hoping, have been ordered to exchange positions with one another. Lau Chu-po, the Hoping magistrate is known as a reformer as he suppressed the prostitution evil while at Sunning. There seems little possibility that the order will be obeyed as Lau is reported sick at Canton.

Miscellaneous Notes. At Pak-kai, the splendid building in course of erection on the top of the hill, for the Commissioner of Customs, is to be completed shortly when the Commissioner will take up his residence there.

The small-pox epidemic here is still prevalent although the number of known fatalities is comparatively small. Doctors are busy vaccinating.

General Li Chai-sun has returned to Shiu-hing.

Paris, March 8.—M. Poincaré, in a three-hour speech in the Chamber, reiterated that France would only give up the Ruhr proportionately to payments and after total payment. He had strong hopes that French policy would not be contradicted by the experts. If the unity of Allied front was re-established, Germany would carry out her obligations, and there was every chance of a general settlement being speedily put into operation.—Reuter.

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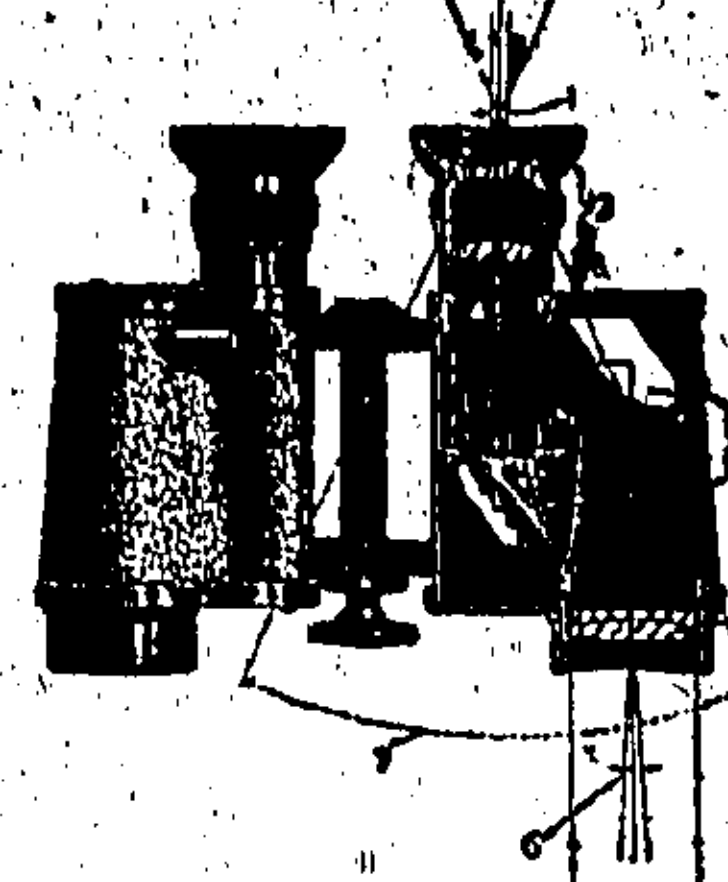
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A strong wind and a nasty sea, made conditions sufficiently exciting on Saturday afternoon when the races for the cups presented to each class by the season's championship winners were sailed over a course—Shaukiwan Bay, Kowloon Rock Club Line, Channel Rock, total distance 9 and a half miles.

In the Gael Class, the "Jona" cup, presented by Mr. Hodgson, was won by "Gael," the only yacht to complete the course in her class as the "Mee Sing" had the misfortune in the heavy weather to carry away her mainsail.

The "Sealark" cup, for the Heyward Hayes Class, was won by "Admiral." Six yachts put out. "Belinda" was compelled to give up, following upon a heavy gibe, she had trouble with the her gaff. "Ursula" stuck it well and gave "Admiral" a good race for the cup. The one-design yachts put out for the "Ailsa" cup, presented by Mr. (Gist). They were "Haleyon" and "Bonito." The former gave up and the cup went to "Bonito."

In the Handicap Class for the "Rolla" cup, presented by Mr. Croncher, "Colleen" brought off a great surprise. "Diana," sailed by Capt. Arthur, was going splendidly but at Kowloon Rock she had trouble with her mainsail which took her up into the wind for two or three minutes, and she failed by a minute to make up the lost time, the cup going to "Colleen." In this race "La Linda" who had a large amount of canvas out, strained herself, breaking three ribs on her starboard side, and went out of the race.

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## SINGAPORE SHELVED.

## ADMIRALTY ACCEPTS CABINET'S DECISION.

LONDON, March 7. Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and Earl Beatty have met and it is reported that the Premier explained that the Cabinet had decided that the Singapore dock scheme could not proceed in the present state of the nation's finances. Lord Beatty made it clear that the Admiralty accepted this decision.

This disposes of the possibility of Naval resignations. The Government's decision is obviously regretted. The Times, which sets forth at length the naval and commercial qualifications possessed by Singapore, says that happily there is at present no probability that any warlike action will be necessary in Far Eastern waters, but that it is pure folly to suppose that no conflict could ever occur amid so many ambitions prevailing there. Great Britain might not be directly involved, but British shipping would probably be the

first to suffer. The paper adds that there is to be no immediate progress in the work undertaken at Singapore, there must at least be no irrevocable reversal of the policy.—Reuter.

## LATER.

The Observer regards the discontinuance of the work on the Singapore base as quite justified. The paper thinks that until the naval outlook, both technically and strategically, is more clearly determined, and more urgent deficiencies, such as the hopelessly unbalanced condition of the home air defences are made good, it is preferable to wait say for seven years and do the work in three years, instead of carrying out the original proposal to spread the construction over ten years.—Reuter.

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WASHINGTON, March 9. Testifying before the Oil Committee Senator Curtis denied Mr. I. R. A. Bennett's statement that the word "principal" in the telegram to Mr. McLean referred to him. The Committee later investigating the Attorney-General's administration subpoenaed witnesses from the southwest to be asked about American oil interests promoting the present revolution in Mexico. Senator Wheeler stated that he expected to prove that Mrs. Doherty, Fall and Sinclair had participated in the conspiracy to further the revolt.—Reuter's American Service.

Aligarh, Marth 8.—Mahamed Ali, the Moslem leader, in a speech protested vigorously against the action of the Turks in deposing the Khalif, declaring that they had no authority to do so, and predicting civil war in Turkey.—Reuter.

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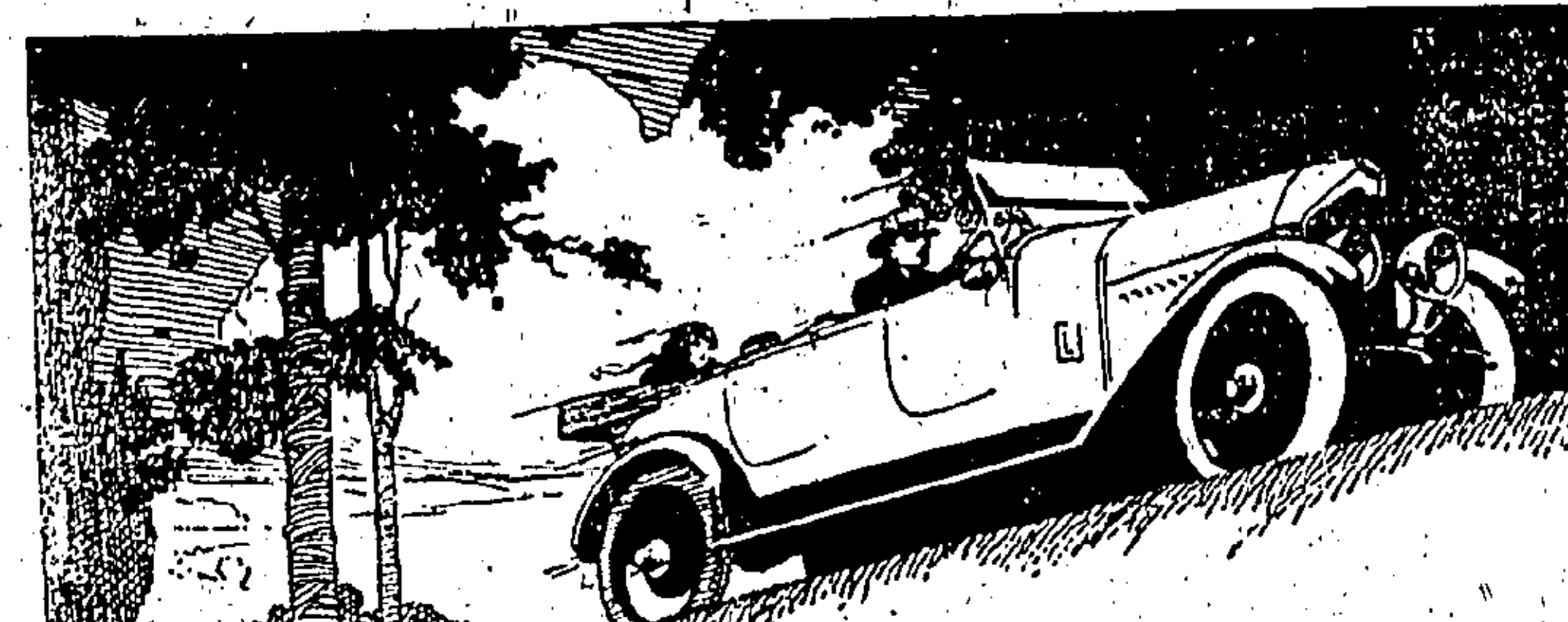
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### AMERICAN OIL SENSATION.



Mr. Silas H. Strawn, Republican of Chicago, appointed special counsel to prosecute the Government's case from the Naval oil inquiry.



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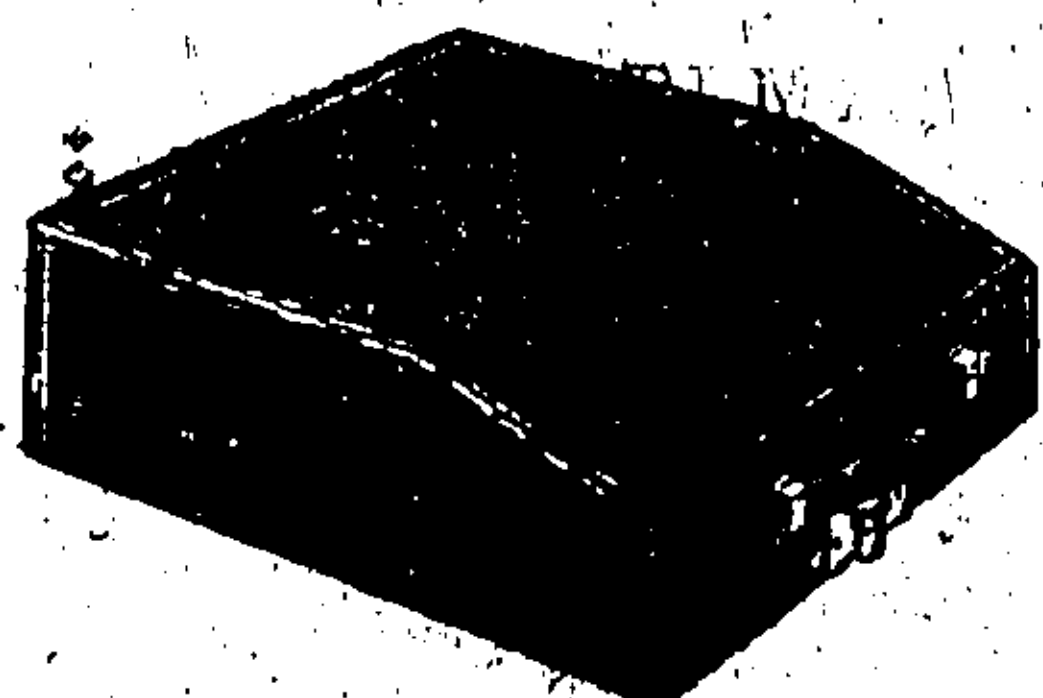
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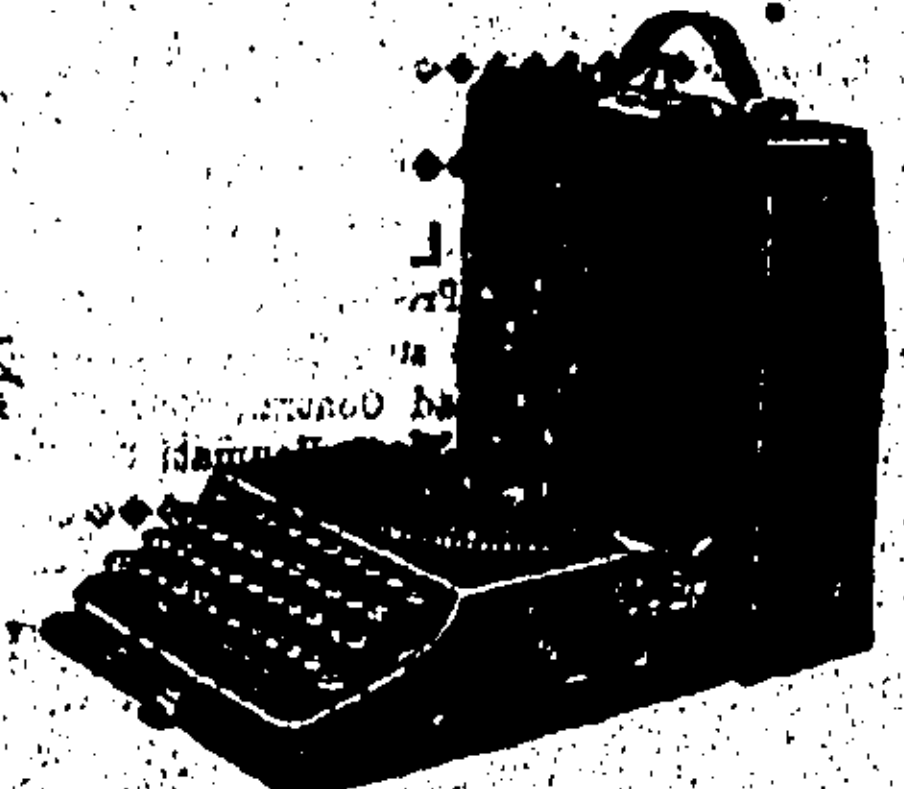
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